

country to act as spies, infiltrating our research laboratories and companies and college campuses to steal valuable secrets. Chinese nationals are the subject of nearly half—half—of all FBI counterintelligence cases involving economic espionage.

The Chinese Communist Party also uses illegal subsidies and trade practices like dumping to help its “national champions” offload their stolen goods below-market prices. The Chinese Government has poured tens of billions of dollars into its steel industry, encouraging overcapacity to flood foreign markets with cheap Chinese steel. As a result, China’s production of crude steel rose from 15 percent of the world’s total to 50 percent between 2000 and 2017, while 64 percent of America’s raw steel producers were totally wiped out, two-thirds of it gone.

Of course, the World Trade Organization exists—supposedly, allegedly—to curb these kinds of abuses, but it has utterly failed to get China to change its ways and live up to its promises. If anything, under Chairman Xi, China has dropped even the pretense that it is on the path to freeing its economy and society.

Twenty years after China entered the WTO, it is clear that China has betrayed our trust and is waging an economic war against us. We didn’t seek out this conflict, but now that it has started, we have no choice but to finish it.

Congress can start by passing my bill, the China Trade Relations Act, to terminate China’s permanent normal trade relations status. We ought to acknowledge there is nothing normal about our trading relationship with China, and we cannot afford the state of affairs to be permanent. We should return to the pre-WTO status quo that recognized China as a nonmarket, communist country, to which I would add now, committing genocide against its own people. If we do this, we can begin to correct the historic mistake our leaders made 20 years ago when they welcomed China into the WTO with open arms and open wallets and unleashed that dragon on the world.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection.

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Mr. MARKEY. I rise today in opposition to the latest effort by Republicans to undermine Americans’ health and safety. COVID-19 remains a grave danger. We have lost more than 775,000 Americans to this virus, and cases are rising yet again.

Despite this clear and present danger, millions of workers across this country have been showing up to their

jobs every day since this pandemic began. Essential workers, nurses, doctors, janitors, security guards, retail employees, and countless more were never able to work remotely. They can’t Zoom to the cash register, check-out, or the driver’s seat of a bus. But these workers faced and continue to face on-the-job exposures and the hazards those exposures entail.

We are lucky to have tools to mitigate these dangers for workers. Testing works. Vaccines work. Booster shots work. Masks work. And as these new variants begin circulating around the globe and as vaccine effectiveness begins to wane, for those who were among the first vaccinated, especially for older Americans and the immune compromised, it is incredibly important that everyone get their boosters now.

Let me just say that again: If you are eligible, don’t wait. Get your booster shot now. If you have two shots already and you got them 6 months ago, you are not fully vaccinated. If you don’t have your third shot right now, you are not fully vaccinated. If you have two shots already, and it is more than 6 months after you got those first two shots, just understand that, when you say “I am vaccinated,” it is not accurate. You need the third shot.

Not only do the vaccines work, but vaccine requirements work. They increase vaccination rates and improve worker safety. We have seen in Massachusetts that, as the State government implemented vaccine requirements, vaccination rates approached 95 percent of State employees.

We aren’t just the Bay State; we are also the “Brain State.” We listened to what scientists and medical experts are telling us.

So to protect workers, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or OSHA, at the Department of Labor, published a rule known as an emergency temporary standard—an emergency temporary standard, or ETS. That emergency temporary standard will keep employees safe by requiring large companies to ensure that each of their workers is fully vaccinated.

And if employees cannot or will not be vaccinated, they simply must test negative for COVID-19 at least once a week before coming into work. It is as simple as that: Get vaccinated or get tested.

The ETS also requires that employees protect their coworkers by wearing a mask in the workplace. This requirement is not onerous. In fact, it is flexible for all workers to require employees to provide paid time off to workers to get vaccinated and ensures that paid leave is provided for recovery from any side effects of the vaccinations that keep employees from being able to work.

These are simple, commonsense rules that will save lives—testing, masks, vaccines, boosters. OSHA estimates that its emergency temporary standard

will prevent 6,500 people from dying and 250,000 people from having to go to become hospitalized over just a 6-month period.

But while Democrats and the Biden Administration are doing everything possible to maintain an economic and health recovery, Republicans are doing everything they can to undercut science and confidence in this administration. This latest attempt—trying to overturn the OSHA emergency temporary standard and threatening to undermine the health and safety of millions of workers—is outrageous and the worst kind of political stunt.

We mandate vaccinations for our children so that they can be healthy and go to school. We mandate vaccinations so our servicemembers are protected in the line of duty. Let us protect our workers in our workplaces so that they can stay healthy and stay on the job.

But there is a terrible irony here from my Republican colleagues. At the exact same time that the Grand Old Party is bemoaning this OSHA worker protection effort as a so-called mandate, they are celebrating mandating government control over women’s reproductive freedom at the Supreme Court. They would rather mandate government control over a woman’s body than mandate worker safety.

If we want to end this pandemic, we need to get as many people vaccinated as we can. Unfortunately, Republicans see a political benefit to prolonging the pain and the suffering from the virus and preventing vaccinations where possible.

This is wrong. This is immoral. And I urge my colleagues to support the OSHA emergency temporary standard. I urge my colleagues to support that emergency temporary standard and oppose this effort by Republicans to overturn this critical, life-protecting regulation, which is on the books, if we can keep it there.

So we need to ensure that we are saying to every family: We have your back. We are going to be protecting you. We are going to make sure those safeguards are in place.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOMINATION OF RACHAEL S. ROLLINS

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, I rise today to strongly oppose the confirmation of Rachael Rollins to be U.S. attorney in Massachusetts.

Many Americans have probably never heard of Rachael Rollins, but they are becoming very familiar with the kind of lawlessness and dangerous crime that radical, leftwing district attorneys like her have generated. Under

their watch, we have seen looting and larceny and violent crime rates rise in cities all over the country the past couple of years.

Ms. Rollins is part of a web of left-wing district attorneys across the country who see it as their job not to prosecute crime; rather, to protect criminals. There is Ms. Rollins in Boston, Chesa Boudin in San Francisco, Kim Gardner in St. Louis, Kim Foxx in Chicago, Larry Krasner in Philadelphia, and John Chisholm in Milwaukee, among others.

What has happened with these prosecutors who refuse to prosecute crime?

Well, all too predictably, crime rates have skyrocketed.

Last year, the murder rate went up nearly 30 percent overall, and it went up 40 percent in cities with populations between 100,000 and 250,000.

We have seen horrific crimes and tragedies that could have been prevented if these DAs had simply done their jobs.

Take John Chisholm, the DA in Milwaukee, who released Darrell Brooks, a repeat and dangerous criminal, on \$1,000 bail.

What was the crime he was charged with?

Using his vehicle—a red SUV—to run down a woman, the mother of his child. Released on \$1,000 bail, what happened?

Brooks, as we all know, drove that same red SUV through a Christmas parade, murdered six people, including an 8-year-old boy.

That man should not have been on the streets, should not have been behind the wheel. The DA knew he was a violent criminal who used that SUV as an instrument of violence and, for \$1,000, the leftwing DA let him go. Had Brooks not been out on such a low bail, this horrific tragedy wouldn't have occurred; that 8-year-old boy would still be alive.

Our communities don't need prosecutors who endanger the very communities they are supposed to serve by refusing to prosecute or detain criminals. They don't need leftwing prosecutors who let violent criminals walk the streets.

The damage that these so-called prosecutors can do has, thankfully, been somewhat limited by the fact that, when they choose not to prosecute criminals, the Federal Government has the ability, in many instances, to step in and charge criminals federally.

But Joe Biden and Senate Democrats are working to change that by elevating one of these radical, leftist, soft-on-crime district attorneys, Rachael Rollins, to be the U.S. attorney in Massachusetts—the chief Federal prosecutor in the entire State of Massachusetts.

Let's talk a bit more about what exactly Rachael Rollins believes prosecutors should do and what her record is.

Rachael Rollins has been vocal and aggressive against prosecuting crime.

She has been very clear that she came into the job of district attorney as a crusader.

She has said—and these are her words:

If you want to change the criminal legal system, become a prosecutor [because they have the] power to determine charges, what crimes to decline to prosecute or divert, [and] how to fashion bail hearings.

She has been quite open in what her intentions are. Ms. Rollins tells us that what matters about a prosecutor is not taking bad guys off the street; it is not seeking justice for the victims of crime. No. It is the power to say: "I won't prosecute these crimes."

(Ms. ROSEN assumed the chair.)

And with Ms. Rollins, it is not hypothetical because she is a district attorney. And as the Boston DA, she went so far as to write down in "The Rachael Rollins Policy Memo," a list of 15 crimes whose prosecution should "always be declined" or "dismissed without conditions."

Charges on this list of 15 crimes should be declined or dismissed prearrestment without conditions. The presumption is that charges that fall into this category should always be declined.

So you have a DA saying these are the crimes we don't prosecute, "always be declined," "dismissed without conditions."

So you may say: "OK. Maybe this is like some sort of criminal justice reform. Maybe this is low-level, non-violent marijuana possession. A teenager got caught with a joint; we are not going to prosecute them." Reasonable people can actually disagree on that. We can have an intelligent conversation back and forth about that.

But the beauty of it is that we don't have to speculate because she put it in writing. These are the 15 crimes. They are upside down, as are her policies. These are the 15 crimes where charges should be dismissed prearrestment without conditions:

No. 1, trespass. Now, I want you to think about it. If you don't want to see people trespassing on your property, well, under Rachael Rollins, the Democrats' U.S. attorney, we don't prosecute trespass.

What else?

Shoplifting. Has anyone watched the videos of the people breaking into stores and stealing and stealing and stealing and looting? Do you know what? Joe Biden and Senate Democrats—they are bringing that to a neighborhood near you.

Shoplifting, we don't prosecute. That is what she said. Shoplifting, olly oxen free. If you see a TV you like, pick that damn thing up and run out of the store because your friend, the fake prosecutor, is not going to charge you.

Larceny. Really, larceny? Larceny, we don't prosecute.

Disorderly conduct. You are a single mom coming home at night. A drunk vagrant is yelling, screaming, cursing at your kids. Do you know what? Not a crime here. We don't prosecute that.

What else?

Receiving stolen property. OK. This is at least intellectually consistent. If you are going to legalize shoplifting, rob the hell out of the stores, at least the fence can be on the back end. You can steal that TV and go straight to the fence. By the way, I guess you can do it in a parking lot. Set up a van right there. "We fence stolen property." You run in and grab it, I will fence it right here. DA? "All good by us."

Driving with a suspended license. Well, sometimes that might be OK.

What was it suspended for? Was it suspended for DWI? Was it suspended because you are a drunk who has killed people? Were you suspended because you are this homicidal maniac in Milwaukee who murdered six people?

Do you know what? This DA says: "Hey, driving with a suspended license, no problem at all, no longer a crime."

Breaking and entering into a vacant property without property damage. So any property that is vacant, you can break in, and you are fine. Locks don't matter. Burglar alarms don't matter. By the way, if a burglar alarm goes off, what the hell do you do? You show up, "Hey, you don't prosecute it. I'm staying right here."

You may say: "Well, at least it is something reasonable, without property damage, right?" Well, now, except the problem is No. 8 on the list: breaking and entering into a vacant property with property damage.

So it doesn't matter. Break into the place, loot it, trash it, destroy it. All is good in Joe Biden's criminal-friendly America.

No. 9, wanton or malicious destruction of property. By the way, don't believe the Democratic talking point: "This stuff isn't violent." Really, wanton or malicious destruction of property? Not a crime in Joe Biden's America.

Threats, threats of violence. I want you to imagine right now you have got an angry vagrant making threats of violence against your children. You call the DA and say: "My family is being threatened. Protect our safety." And what does she say? "Not a crime."

Oh, well, stinks to be you. Threats are just A-OK.

Minor in possession of alcohol. Hey, great. Kids, drink up. Actually, the beauty of it is, in Joe Biden's America, the kids can get drunk; they can drive; they can have their license suspended; and apparently they will get a gold star at the end of it. Minors in possession of alcohol. We have got Senate pages here. Just go down to the U.S. attorney's office. They are serving margaritas.

Marijuana possession. OK. As I said, we can debate marijuana possession. Reasonable people can disagree on that. Now, it doesn't specify the quantity. A teenager with a joint? You can say that that may be a good candidate for diversion to something else. Drug dealer with several kilos of pot in the

back, maybe you ought to be prosecuting that.

Oh, and, by the way, how do we know she doesn't just limit it to kids with a joint? Well, what is No. 13 on the list? Possession with intent to distribute.

So, drug dealers—in Joe Biden's America, drug dealers, it is legal. You can sell booze to kids. You can sell drugs to kids. You can sell stolen televisions to kids. She doesn't prosecute drug dealers.

But look, at least it is just pot and come on, we know—you know, in States—in a lot of States pot is not that bad, right? It is just pot.

Uh-oh. No. 14, nonmarijuana drug possession. So for any Democrats ready to go home, saying, "Hey, we just like pot because we are Democrats," nope. Heroin, cocaine, LSD, fentanyl drug dealers who are poisoning our kids, in Joe Biden's America, we don't prosecute you.

And No. 15 is really the crowning jewel of this—resisting arrest. So I want you to envision what this says. You can break and enter into a vacant property and do damage. You can have a homeless person trespass on your front lawn, set up a tent, threaten your children, sell them drugs, and if a police officer shows up and tries to arrest them, they can violently resist arrest. And what does the DA say? "All good by me. Not a crime."

Madam President, this is, in a word, nuts. This is crazy.

And do you know what? This is what the Democrats support.

I will tell you why. The Democrats are counting on the news media refusing to cover this. The Democrats are counting on ABC, NBC, and CBS—this is not news. The Democrats are counting on CNN will not cover this.

Every single Democrat in this body has voted for Rachael Rollins. They had to bring Vice President HARRIS out to break the tie.

And, you know, Democrats, when they go home, they like to say: "We are not for abolishing the police."

No. Do you know what? When you vote to confirm a lawless so-called prosecutor who says "I won't prosecute crime," you have abolished the police. Cops can arrest them, but the DA will let them go. And what does she say? "Dismissed . . . prearrestment . . . without conditions."

This is radical and extreme, and I want to make a challenge to Senate Democrat colleagues. Some of you are in purple States. A few of you are in red States. Some of you are in bright blue States. I challenge any of you in the bluest State of the Union to go home to your constituents, get any gathering in a townhall, and put this chart in front of them. Ask your constituents: Do the people of Nevada agree that we shouldn't prosecute trespassing or shoplifting or drug dealing or resisting arrest or violent threats? Do the people of Virginia agree that these are not crimes and shouldn't be prosecuted?

And I promise you, in all 50 States, there is not a State too blue where your constituents would agree on this. And so what our Democratic colleagues are counting on is that people won't know.

You know, before the vote, I spoke with several Democrats. I tried to tell several Democrats, this is a bad vote. This is a vote you are going to regret. This is a vote your constituents are going to be mad at you for. One of those Democrats said: "Well, the majority leader asked me to do it."

You know, crack the whip, party unity, party discipline. The order from the Democrats in the White House is this is the chief Federal law enforcement officer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. God help you if you don't want violent criminals robbing your store. God help you if you don't want drunken homeless people setting up tents in your front yard. God help you if you don't want drug dealers selling drugs to your children because Joe Biden and KAMALA HARRIS have said those are all A-OK. And if you don't believe me—because in this bizarre partisan world nobody believes the other side—read the memo, "The Rachael Rollins Policy Memo." She wrote it. She put her name on it in writing. This is what it says.

If we lived in a time of sanity—Senators on both sides—Democrats listening to this would say: "Hold on a second. That doesn't make any sense at all. Let's tap the brakes."

By the way, one Democrat could stop this nomination—one. Every individual Democrat, you had the choice. It means every one of you is also the deciding vote. So when you go back to your home State, you singlehandedly decided this lawless, so-called prosecutor should be confirmed.

I will tell you this, you can never again claim you oppose abolishing the police because this vote is front and center: trespassing, not prosecuted; shoplifting; larceny; disorderly conduct; receiving stolen property; driving with a suspended license; breaking and entering with property damage; loss and malicious destruction of property; threats; minors in possession of alcohol; marijuana possession; possession with intent to distribute; nonmarijuana drug possession.

I don't ever want to see a Democrat standing up here talking about fentanyl: Fentanyl is terrible. I don't want to see another Democrat talking about the opioid crisis, saying: "People are dying in New Hampshire. People are dying in my State." They are, and you are about to vote for a prosecutor who won't prosecute the drug dealers selling those opioids and poisoning our children and won't prosecute resisting arrest. So, if a cop comes, take a swing.

To my colleagues on the Democratic side of the aisle, there is still time for you to stop this nomination. I implore of you: Listen to your constituents and do the right thing.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. KAINÉ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the vote not begin until following my remarks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUESTS—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. KAINÉ. Madam President, in a minute, I am going to ask unanimous consent for the approval of three important nominees who are not controversial. We have been hearing reasons to oppose a nominee who has some controversy, and I am going to raise three who are not controversial.

In July, I had the opportunity to travel to Mexico, Ecuador, Colombia, and Guatemala as part of a bipartisan congressional delegation. The first question we received in Mexico was not about COVID-19 and not about immigration. It was, When is your Ambassador going to get here?

Fortunately, since then, the Senate has approved the nomination of Ken Salazar to be Ambassador to Mexico, but the exchange underscores the importance of having U.S. Ambassadors on the ground and the value that other nations see in Senate-confirmed representatives of the United States.

I take the floor today to talk about three noncontroversial nominees: Adam Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation; Marc Ostfield to be Ambassador to Paraguay; and Cynthia Telles to be Ambassador to Costa Rica.

Mr. Scheinman has had a long history in the State Department and on the National Security Council at the White House on Nuclear Nonproliferation issues.

Marc Ostfield is a career Foreign Service Officer with deep experience in the Americas.

Cynthia Telles is the daughter of the first Hispanic to be a U.S. Ambassador. Her father was the U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica 60 years ago, and after a very distinguished career, she has been nominated to inherit the post that he ably inhabited.

These were all nominees approved noncontroversially by the Foreign Relations Committee on October 19, nearly 2 months ago.

I will just mention to my colleagues one thing about Mr. Scheinman. It is particularly important that he be confirmed as soon as possible. An important duty of the Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation is to lead the U.S. delegation to the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Treaty Review Conference. This conference happens once every 5 years—once every 5 years—and it is going to happen next month. If he is not confirmed before then, the United States will not have an Ambassador-level official to lead the American delegation at this existentially important meeting.